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GWU President Responds To "Foggy Bottom Revisited"

Thanks for sending me a copy of the article "Foggy Bottom Revisited" which appeared in the March 1990 issue of the *Foggy Bottom News*. You can imagine that I read it with some interest.

I, myself, am as susceptible to nostalgia as the next person. I first came to Washington in the 1960's and I remember much, if not all, of what the city was like in those days. It is possible to look back on the District through a sentimental filter and there are times when I do—I wish for an age gone by. I'm sure that those who grew up in Washington or came here even before I first arrived have warm memories of a slower, more provincial environment; a more huggy community which was less metropolitan than today's surroundings. We can, and perhaps we should remember the past with affection; but it is, I believe, a blunder to wish that things had never changed. The year 1900 was 1900; 1950 was 1950; and 2000 will be upon us before we know it. Then was then—and now is now.

It is also, I think, a mistake to believe that if not for The George Washington University, Foggy Bottom would never have changed. If the University had not been here, some real estate developer would have undoubtedly seen the area as an opportunity, moved in to consume the single family dwellings and build different kinds of facilities. Some sort of progress, if that is what one wants to call it, was inevitable. Changes had to come.

I believe that the University, as awkward as it may be from time to time, is ultimately a more benign neighbor than most. We are, I suspect, the best of the alternatives and a good deal more humane, understanding and accommodating than most. Try to imagine Washington without the George Washington University Hospital. Think of the city without the thousands of jobs represented by the University. Think of the economy of this part of town without the millions of dollars spent by the University, faculty, students, staff and visitors.

I can understand the tension between the University and the long-time residents of Foggy Bottom. We are big and ungainly, and sometimes we inadvertently act like an 800-pound gorilla. But I do believe that we have a good heart and try very hard to be accommodating while remaining true to our mission of scholarship,

teaching and providing certain kinds of services.

I think it is also important to mention that any conversation between the University and its neighbors in Foggy Bottom should take place in an informed way. Facts are sometimes distracting and can take away from a good story, but they are important in our effort to know the truth. For example, whoever wrote your story refers to GW as "possibly the most well endowed school in the East." That's silly. You do not need to be an expert on university finance to know that Harvard University takes the cake when it comes to endowments, as well as Yale! Princeton!

However, that is not the point; the point is that George Washington University is not in the top 5, 10, 20 or 30 of the "most well endowed schools." In fact, George Washington University is a highly tuition-dependent institution with tuitions and fees representing 71% of our operating revenues. We receive no aid from any state government, as do public and private universities in states such as Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, etc. Actually, we have a rather low endowment compared to other universities. Our endowment of about \$19,000 per student ranks us 144 among colleges and universities, as compared with the \$130,000 at Washington University in St. Louis; the

\$100,000 at Chicago; the \$65,000 at Johns Hopkins, to name just a few. Endowment income provides only 3% of our operating revenues. The George Washington University may look rich compared to an individual, but it's not rich compared to a rich university.

A certain friction between universities and their communities is, perhaps, inevitable. It goes back in history to Oxford, Cambridge, the Sorbonne and Bologna. We all know the term "town/gown relationships" — that's where it came from. Stories of early Oxford report on riots and actual fist fights between the students and members of the community. In contemporary times, Columbia has had its problems with Morningside Heights; New York University with Washington Square; Harvard with Cambridge, etc. When you really look at it, George Washington University's relationship with Foggy Bottom is better than most.

The article says that "one does not understand why the University doesn't build residence halls for the students even if it means building in the suburbs." The answer is that the students don't want to live in the suburbs. They come to Washington to live, study and work in Washington. Not in Virginia nor in Maryland. For

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Foggy Bottom Association

ELECTION MEETING

8:00 P.M. Tuesday
June 25, 1990

St. Paul's Parish House
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Zoners Give O.K. to GWU Master Plan

by Robert C. Brewster

The Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) on June 6 gave final approval to the controversial and convoluted Master Plan of The George Washington University (GWU). It acted in response to the D.C. Court of Appeals which on February 21 had remanded the Plan back to

it. (See the *News* for April, 1990.) The three BZA members present gave scant oral indication of familiarity with the complicated case which stretches back to 1985. They made only glancing reference to one or another of the submissions from

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At the West End Library

Children's Summer Quest Activities

Your community library announces the following schedule for this popular reading program; weekly films for preschool children will be shown Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.; films for school age youngsters will be Thursdays at 2:30 (June 28, July 5, 12, 19 and 26).

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... And for the Adults:

The Summer Film Series for Adults will be held Thursdays at 12:00 noon, (July 5, 12, 29 and 26). Call 727-1397 for information.

GWU (Continued from page 1) us to build facilities that would stand vacant seems foolish. It is reasonable to ask why the University doesn't build residence halls for students in Foggy Bottom. Now, that is something we surely should explore.*

I think it is important that we try even harder than we have in the past to work and plan together in a supportive and congenial way. Name-calling, scapegoating and blaming each other simply won't get anybody anywhere. There are some long-term residents who may have standing in their complaint that the University changed the community, but surely most residents of Foggy Bottom have moved here within the last decade or so and were here after George Washington University became the George Washington University that it is today. For those people to complain seems to me less reasonable. They could have anticipated the pros and cons of George Washington university prior to locating here.

Your article says that some residents complain of harassment and vandalism by their student neighbors. This could be. Students turn out to be people after all — some are better than others. But, surely students could complain of harassment by people they meet in Washington. Perfection does not reside on either side of the equation. Students, as it turns out, are regular, normal folks. They are, to coin a phrase, *our*

Foggy Bottom News children — mine and yours. To characterize them as people who are filthy and don't care about the environment is plain and simple bigotry. Students are as observant of the law and as likely to put their trash away as the next person. The students I have met at George Washington University are, in large measure, caring, committed, decent and a source of pride to the University and to the neighborhood. They are frequently young and have the virtues and vices that accompany that passing condition, but if you give them time, they will get over it.

*Ed. Note: We assume there is no need to remind President Trachtenberg of some pertinent language in D.C. Law 8-138, as follows:

"Continuing pressure from the university, resulting from the destruction of housing, the extensive construction of buildings leased for commercial use, and the complete lack of construction of dormitories is of grave concern to the Foggy Bottom residential community. Intense student pressure on Foggy Bottom's housing stock outside the campus . . . has had an extremely disruptive effect on residential Foggy Bottom. Additional measures will be needed, including dormitory construction and the conversion of buildings leased for commercial use for dormitory use, if an acceptable urban campus environment of GWU is to be achieved." (emphasis added)

And, we are sure he does not need to be reminded, either, that the Board of Zoning Adjustment has ordered GWU to designate a residential site within the boundaries of the campus plan.

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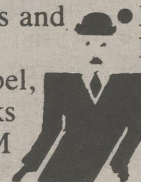
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Sidewalk Talk

by Betty Olsen

Remember last month that I told you that **Lisa Kaplan** was a new neighbor in the Bottom and one of the first things she did after moving in was to gather her brushes, easel and straw hat to paint **Milton Carrow's** spring plantings of tulips and azaleas? Well, spoke to Carrow recently and he bought Kaplan's painting and it is hanging prominently in his townhouse. It is Kaplan's first sale or, as they say in the art world, commission.

Charles and Susan Puffenbarger had Puff's daughter, **Robin**, visit recently with her husband, **Bill Smith**, and their two adopted Korean children, a boy, **Dustin**, and a girl, **Jessica**. Puff says they call him gran-papa and they are lovely. Robin lives in New Jersey and is in charge of public health nurses there while her husband Bill is an engineer with Bell Laboratories. Robin said after a name like Puffenbarger all of her life it's a pleasure to be just plain Smith.

Phil and Pat Robbins are going to Israel and Egypt this summer. They will have to go some to beat last summer's travels to Galapagos and Peru.

When Friday comes in Foggy Bottom — the trash men must think that **Larry Myslewski** is giving them a present. He sets out stacks of newspapers all tied with cord that are so neat and easily picked up. How about a pink bow, or in your case a blue one, to make them look gorgeous instead of just tidy? Let's learn by his example.

Ed and Judy Gable of The Griffin are planning a trip to Leningrad, Russia in July. First

they are going to take in Copenhagen and the fjord country of Sweden, then take a train that long way to Leningrad. Remember all your memories so that you can tell us about them when you return.

Heard Ron and Anne Abramson had a BIG party at their penthouse at The Griffin lately with Valet parking and allllll.

Over 100 were present at the Foggy Bottom Association meeting last time to hear **Dorothy Ohliger's** friend, **Helen Thomas**, the UPI



White House Bureau Chief, speak. Thomas' talk was informative and entertaining and all enjoyed hearing her perspectives on the presidents since the Kennedy era (when the White House became her beat). You've come a long way, baby; way to go. Her name was included recently in a listing of the well-mannered people in the news, compiled by etiquette expert Marjabella Young Stewart. Now that it is seconded again here in the *Foggy Bottom News* it is absolutely positively official. Seen here talking with **Kirsten Olsen**, a onetime assistant editor of the *News* who is now an on-air reporter and field producer for Cablevision's Sports News Network. Thomas' encouraging words to Olsen: "Stay with it — it is a wonderful field." See, I told you she was mannerly.

Happy Birthday to you — Happy Birthday to you, too — **Sharon Dean** and **Walter Anderson**.

Received a letter from **Margaret Franzen** of Bisbee, Arizona, via **Grace Watson**, saying she received a *Foggy Bottom News* recently and really appreciated and enjoyed its contents. Franzen moved to Snow's Court in 1954 and she and others formed the Foggy Bottom Association sometime later. The group met at St. Paul's Church and the parochial school which is where the St. James is now. Let us hear from you again, Margaret, directly or indirectly.

Watson also received a card from **Rose Marie Hiza** in Connecticut telling of enjoying the *News* that a friend sends her from the Bottom. Her news was that she had just planted two hills of potatoes, pansies and Johnny-jump-ups with most morning temperatures 38 to 45 degrees there.

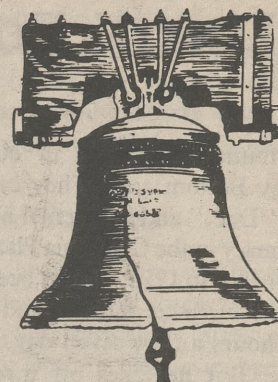
Maria and Geoffrey Tyler returned not too long ago from an around-the-world in 60 days jaunt. First stop, England, where they enjoyed the countryside like never before. Then to Malaysia, then to Melbourne, Australia, and on the way back to the states they stopped over for ten days in Maui, where she learned how to snorkel.

Chip and Sherry Cunningham have moved to historic Snow's Court. Welcome, neighbors.

Well, the mystery has been solved. My daughter told me

that she had parked the car in front of the townhouse on Eye Street that has the window with the statue in it. I knew exactly where she meant, but still didn't know what that statue was anymore now than I did when we first moved to the Bottom a few years ago. As I was walking to the car, I saw sitting on the steps right beside the window with the statue in it the very man I had seen around there before. So I thought, why not ask the one who knows and solve this mystery. So I did. His name is **Pat Patterson** and he has lived in the Bottom for 42 years; 32 of them right there where the statue resides in the large plate glass window overlooking Eye Street. Twelve years ago when he had to repair the townhouse due to damage from the Metro installation, he decided to renovate it; so that is when the window went in and the bronze statue of a clown holding a broken umbrella found its prominent place to make passersby wonder, as I have, what it depicted. Patterson said, "I watch the people walk by with a puzzled look on their faces too, and it amuses me from the inside to know that they are probably wondering, just like you. At one time Pat was the editor of the *FB News*."

It's nice to read about people in our neighborhood who are doing interesting and worthwhile work. A sample of this was the article some weeks ago in the *Post* about the "amateur historians" at St. Mary's



Church. With the encouragement of the D.C. Community Council on the Humanities, **Anna Louise Tatum** and **Patricia Boatner** (and others) are researching, documenting and will eventually exhibit material about the rich history of St. Mary's, founded in the 1860's by freedmen. The project includes both written and oral history; the historians learned techniques and taped interviews with seven older church members to preserve their memories.

A belated welcome to **Jordan Elizabeth Lenkin**, who joined the Edward Lenkin family in March. They have been living at 2401 M Street while a new home in Bethesda was being readied for the increased family.

Also welcome back to Eye Street's **Cindy Breloff**, husband **Roy Van Horn**, and their young son **Tom**. Roy retired from the service some months ago, and the three of them traveled to Hawaii and Japan, and had the opportunity to have lengthy stays in a number of places. Lucky — most of us have to rush through it all.

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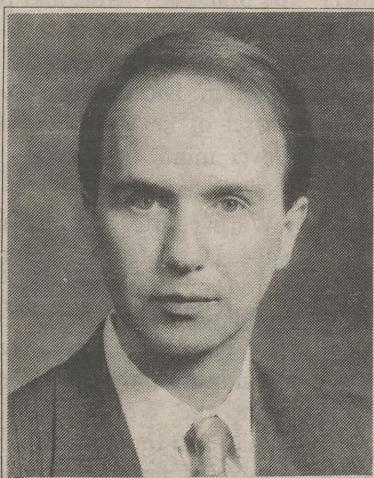
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"Doc," Foggy Bottom "Treasure"

By Joan G. Sugarman

I found a treasure in our Foggy Bottom area. They call him "Doc," and he opened his pharmacy in the Columbia Plaza at 23rd St. in 1976. He has been there ever since, thirteen and a half hours a day, seven days a week. But he takes off three days a year. His son, Steve, 23, replaces him.

What is so rare about this pharmacist? He cares profoundly about the needs of the community. He is unfailingly kind and courteous, especially on the Saturdays and Sundays when the tiny, windowed post office serves everyone who lives in walking distance. The Watergate Post Office branch closes Saturdays and Sundays. Doc is open for business. He will fax, copy, prepare money orders, sell videos, or order whatever customers request, from donuts (18+ boxes come every morning to go with the fresh-brewed coffee near the front door) to three pairs of socks in a package for the heavy walker in the neighborhood.

Doc Milton Williams grew up in Reading, Pa., a small town nestled in the mountains not far from Philadelphia and now a consummate center of outlet centers. He graduated as a pharmacist from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science in 1951. Army service, during the Korean conflict, was based at Walter Reed, from 1951-53. He then returned to Washington, D.C. to work in various pharmacies, in order to earn enough to buy his own. Those long days of work often included three jobs. That schedule must have been habit-forming. Today, Doc's pharmacy hours begin at 5:30 a.m. He and his wife, Elaine, leave at 8:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Saturdays are from

8:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Sundays 8:00 until 3:00 p.m., an "early" day!

Steve, son number three, is 23, and owns and operates his own sign company. Since he was eleven and able to see over the counter, he has been taught to help his father. He is the one who can take over on those three days off! He is also the reflection of his father's theme song, "We are here for them." Their credo is quite simple . . . to do whatever is necessary at once and well, and then, be nice to people, their "keys" to service. The principal concern is determining what people want. This is difficult if a customer does not state a particular need. "Simply ask us, we will try to get it for you!" is the refrain which constantly echoes in this microcosm of a place.

The Williams' middle son, Ron, 26, lives in Pennsylvania where he is a resident in medical school. He will specialize in internal medicine/pediatrics. Rich, 36, is a computer programmer, and lives in Laurel, Maryland. There are two grandchildren.

Doc's partner and wife is Elaine. She works beside him, and always has for the entire twenty-eight years of their marriage. She is also a "people-aware" person. Into this same pharmacy, she states, strode Mike Farrell, Senator Bob Dole, Leslie Uggams, and Shirley Temple, among others of note. Elaine Williams grew up in Scranton, left at eight for Baltimore and then came, at twelve, to Washington, D.C. Here she studied at the Alma Burdick Vocational High School from 1947-1949. The greatest triumph of her life was taking both Helen Keller and then Eleanor Roosevelt through this

specialized vocational high school. Elaine graduated as a secretary, and worked for Robert Nathan, an economic analyst, for six years, from 1956 on. This was during the exciting and traumatic years of the Kennedy administration.

Life in their "Mom and Pop" store is constantly changing and exciting, she relates. Unusual requests are the norm, like one to have our daily papers mailed on receipt to a small country in Africa. They were sent, but weekly, reports Doc.

This small, 2500 square foot pharmacy / drug store / grocery store and service area is fascinating. Both the quality and the variety of the merchandise causes customers to halt, then gape. Is the bank closed exactly when you need to have a stock transfer notarized? Never mind. A notary public is only one part of the services Doc offers his public.

It is a very compact area, with full shelves weaving around the postal window, high and low, and a whispered, "where is it?" question can be heard and answered before the customer straightens up. Are you hungry? Do you have a microwave oven in your office? Good! Then you can buy the can of baked beans and another of pineapple on your way out. Baby bottles, tools, caps, sun-glasses, cookies, all the usual array of drug store items are there, but Doc knows the brands by name and price. He can as easily cash a pay check as send a Western Union telegram. Did you leave the extra set of keys on your desk? Never mind. Doc makes keys too.

Warm courtesy permeates the place. It is infectious. Nothing is too much trouble for the population which comes from the Pan American Health Organization, the State Department, the World Bank, embassies and the numerous rent-controlled and luxury cooperative and condominium apart-

ments which surround the Columbia Plaza. Everyone who enters is a long-term friend. That person's needs are paramount and met at once. It is true, the space is narrow and you have to turn sideways to exit the front door. But you are seen and cared for via the numerous reflective mirrors which can make you feel you are inside a house of glass. Never mind. You are seen. Only ask and a voice or a pointing finger will direct you! No ready cash? And you want to buy a lottery ticket? Of course! Doc has even cashed checks for his customers. They DO sell lottery tickets too. There is a free membership to their Video Club, with VCR rental available at \$5 a day, with tape and Nintendo rentals daily \$2.00.

The services match the astonishing assortment of merchandise and the courtesy, warmth and simple exuberance at being there, for you remain a refreshingly unusual commodity in itself! Doc has this thing about names. He asks them, remembers them and uses them! Then he thanks you for coming!

Most of all in these days and in times such as we share, living in downtown D.C. nestled along the Potomac River, I remain totally astonished that Doc retains his sense of humor. His wife says he is even-tempered, with a "fabulous" sense of humor. "The jokes are corny," she ruefully admits, "but our customers like them!" Doc can juggle three telephone calls while answering questions and working on the lottery ticket machine. His white shock of hair makes him visible and conspicuous over the high parapet of his cubbyhole of a pharmacy. He found it very uncomfortable talking about himself, and delegated the entire matter to his son.

Before I did that, I listened to the customers talk among themselves. I only tossed out one question, "What makes each one of you come in here?"

The navy officer said, "Someone was here from Bogota,

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wanting a licorice kind of chewing gum for his kid; 'Black Jack,' I think it was. Doc ordered it, and it is still sent down there, a box a month."

The office worker with the loosened tie bent closer and spoke softly, "If you are a nickel or so short, he gives it to you, never mentions it again, but I always pay him back."

The elderly heavy woman with her cane tapped my shoulder to say, "A man like that! The pigeons on our mall have donuts and bagels and Doc's responsible, but he won't admit it."

The cashier behind the register said simply, "He belongs to us. Why else would I be working here for twelve years?"

"Listen, lady," one man at the door called back, "I like the way he treats people. You remember that!"

Finally I caught up with Steve, Doc and Elaine's youngest son. He was as much in awe of the priorities of his father as I was. Steve was in complete accord, believed identically in living by the same standards of service as his father. What secretly delighted and astonished me was this young man's statement about his Dad. He explained it quite simply.

"I can't believe how lucky I was in getting such a father. I think I would be fortunate if I might live in the same way."

"This year," he added, "I am going to come in for a week, and order him to take a vacation with Mom. He is owed that!"

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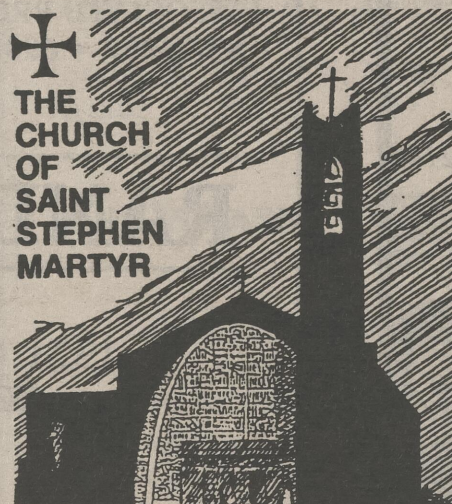
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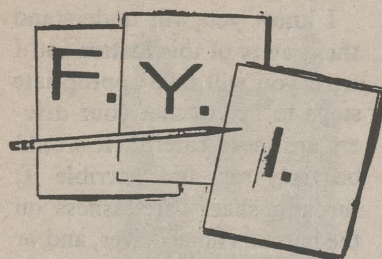
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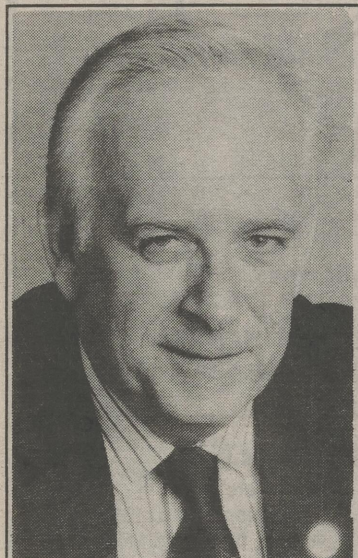
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Another source of information about properties would be the Savings Association Insurance Fund, which also publishes periodic property catalogues. Their number is 404/880-3000.

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Should you or some loved one ever have to be hospitalized, and you want to increase **physician and patient communication**, the Mayo Clinic Health Letter suggests 10 sensible questions to ask your doctor: What do my symptoms mean? Do the medications have any side effects? What is this test for? What risks are involved in my treatment? Do I have any options other than the treatment you've prescribed? How do the benefits of my treatment compare with the risks? What kind of emotional reactions can I expect from my illness? How long do I have to stay in the hospital? Do I have any limitations on my activity at home? What should I call you about once I'm at home?



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Thanks — TOM

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Crime Report & Prevention

By Lawrence G. Myslewski

May Crime Report

The criminal activity reported in and around Foggy Bottom residential areas for May 1990 includes:

Burglaries in Homes

4/30 2412 I St
5/10 1099 22nd St
5/24 2119 H St
5/25 905 25th St

Robberies In Public Spaces

5/2 12:15p-700 Blk 18th St
5/8 10:00p-2450 Virginia Ave
5/11 3:45a-900 New Hampshire Ave
5/13 11:45p-1101 New Hampshire Ave
5/19 11:55p-942 New Hampshire Ave
5/20 1:17a-900 Blk New Hampshire Ave
5/23 11:35p-2203 K St
5/25 12:05a-924 25th St
5/25 1:10a-2000 Pa Ave
5/30 4:15p-800 Blk New Hampshire Ave

Assault With A Deadly Weapon

5/11 9:50a-2100 Blk M St (hand gun)

Simple Assault

5/17 3:50p-1170 21st St (fist)
5/21 1:15a-21st & M St (fist)

Automobiles

3 cars stolen from lots/garages



4 cars stolen from streets
18 thefts of property from cars parked on streets
2 thefts from cars parked on private property

Indecent Exposure

5/14 10:15p-2300 Blk E St

A closer look at this month's criminal activity reveals that 85% of the **crimes on people** are committed by black males in the 20-30 year-old age group; 15% are committed by white males in the same age group. The busy thoroughfares (for example, New Hampshire and Virginia Avenues) are more prone to crime than the out-of-the-way streets.

Summer of '90

As we enter the summer season (and take a break from preparing this column until September), we should be aware of the general level of criminal activity around our neighborhoods. Look out for your own safety and that of your guests. **Report any suspicious activity to the Metropolitan Police at 727-4327 and emergencies at 911.** Help discourage would-be cri-

minals by keeping outdoor lights turned on and by cutting down tall weeds and cleaning trash from public spaces. **Pride in our neighborhoods goes a long way in crime prevention.**

GWU Students

The assimilation of large numbers of GWU students into the quiet, residential areas of Foggy Bottom has never been easy. The George Washington University has not built any student housing in over 30 years even though the student population continues to increase. The property owners and full-time residents of Foggy Bottom have seen long-time permanent residents replaced by non-taxpaying students (for example, consider what has happened at the West End Apartments).

On a daily basis, the change is more noticeable. For example, the quiet night air in the residential areas is frequently filled with loud music from parties.

Students should be aware that "disturbances of the peace" within Foggy Bottom residential areas will be reported to the landlords, to the Metropolitan Police (727-4326), and to the GWU Vice President of Student Affairs, Robert Chernak (994-7210).

We all can enjoy the unique beauty of Foggy Bottom by being considerate of each other. Let's make the summer of '90 safe and quiet for all!

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Letters

In your May issue, Lawrence Myslewski wrote an article which I found very disturbing. In it he begins by describing the supposed political power of the homeless as contrasted with the lack of influence by homeowners in our city. He concludes that the situation with the homeless somehow contributes to deteriorating roads, an understaffed police force, dead trees not being replaced, etc.

Normally I would dismiss this as an irrational attack on the homeless by someone who knows little about the District of Columbia or the homeless. However, its presence in your responsible newspaper under the guise of a news column requires a response. I fear that people reading his column may think there is some fact in his fiction.

First of all, the homeless are not organized in a way which allows them "to gain unprecedented rights and power in the City." Any programs we have created for the homeless are the result of private initiative by people who are concerned about the homeless or created by the District government responding to an Initiative passed by an overwhelming majority of District voters. The homeless themselves have no power, no money, no political clout. To state otherwise is simply untrue. People who care about the homeless do have power and are exercising it democratically.

Second, Mr. Myslewski feels that the homeless contribute nothing to the tax base and therefore should be ignored in public policy making in favor of those who do. Fortunately, our nation does not discriminate in this way. We are committed to allowing all people to participate in our system and receive its

benefits regardless of their income or tax category.

Third, Mr. Myslewski talks about the problems the homeless create, e.g. panhandling, drunkenness, traffic impediments, etc. These problems clearly exist. They need to be solved. At Miriam's Kitchen for the Homeless at Western, we hold people accountable for their behavior in a way that insures peace and order. The same should be true of behavior on the street. Unruly, disorderly conduct should be addressed by the police. However, we will not solve behavior problems by pitting the homeowners against the homeless.

The problems of other people become our problems when they go unaddressed in meaningful ways. Most of homelessness is directly related to the lack of low income housing, drug and alcohol treatment programs, job training programs, and mental health services. Until such programs are instituted, we will see our streets filled with the homeless.

Kicking people when they are down and out is easy to do. Working together with them to find ways to get them back on their feet requires blood, sweat, and tears. I invite Mr. Myslewski to join with the overwhelming majority of Foggy Bottom residents who are concerned for the homeless and are supportive of those who do something for them, with them. Perhaps we can also work together to discover the real reasons for and solutions to the many difficult problems in this city which confront homeowners, renters, and homeless alike.

—John W. Wimberly, Jr.
Pastor

Western Presbyterian Church

Foggy Bottom News



Am I the only FB resident who detected patronizing tones in Mr. Trachtenberg's letter? (See May 1990 issue) I quote: "Just cranky to be cranky," and "We should be working toward the homeless solution instead of students' manners." Whether President of a university, a corporation, even a President of the United States, their reactions are parallel: none focuses on the central point of an issue, but are masters in the art of side-stepping and engarde positions. It must be an important qualification to have the ability to write paragraph after paragraph in order to construct such a vacillating "non-letter" that some readers actually believe the contents are enlightening!

Mr. Trachtenberg's fatherly smile over the students' "poor manners" undermines our concern over the wide range of vandalism, as well as uproarious and sometimes bizarre behavior by too many students who will never be able to be responsible neighbors in residential Foggy Bottom. I'm sure there are no fraternity houses just two feet from Mr. Trachtenberg's bedroom, and I'm damned sure the University President doesn't have to face six bags of beer bottles spewing out into his pathway as he walks out of his front portico. Like every politician, Mr. Trachtenberg attempts to have us kneel in humility by changing the subject (when in doubt, always mention the "homeless").

I for one will not be lulled nor veered away from lower Foggy Bottom's number one problem — the students. The President cannot be held responsible for students' behavior. I know that, but he should never speak lightly in their behalf until he has lived next door to a houseful of them for at least three years.

With cooperation from other concerned citizens, I intend to make it top priority for the City Administration to act on the codes already in place; to contact homeowners who violate those codes; and eventually eliminate students from our homes so we may restore our community to the manner we found it. This is my legacy to future residents.

Sign me, C3

Mr. Michael Poynter
Manager
Wyndham Bristol Hotel

Dear Mr. Poynter:

I live across the street from the hotel and would like to bring to your attention a troublesome and potentially dangerous problem.

Last August I was nearly hit by one of the hotel's valets who was in a great rush to get the vehicle to its owner, who was waiting at the entrance to the hotel. The driver speeded out of the garage, speeded up 25th Street, speeded around the corner, and speeded down Pennsylvania Avenue to the hotel entrance. I might add that, as he was speeding around the corner of 25th and Penn, he was looking in the opposite direction from which he was pointing his car and thus never saw me beginning to cross the street. Nor did he stop at the corner at all, something which is required even where right turn on red is allowed. I jumped out of his path.

At the time, I brought this matter to the attention of Ms. Dixie Eng, the Rooms Division Manager. She said the driver would be retrained and reassigned.

I am writing at this time because a similar incident occurred on Sunday morning, around 8:20, although I was not nearly hit that time. I had left my building and was going to cross the street when a valet speeded out of the hotel garage and speeded up the street. He hardly had time to notice whether anyone was crossing the street. He then speeded around the corner and down Penn to the hotel. . . .

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I know you will understand the gravity of this matter and I trust you will take appropriate steps to insure that your drivers are more careful. It would be truly sad and horrible if, through sheer carelessness on the part of a hotel driver, and/or oversight on the part of management, a tragedy were to occur.

Diane E. Stamm

Dear Ms. Stamm:

Thank you very much indeed for your recent letter. I was most concerned to read about the problems you had in regard to our valet parking attendants.

The valet parking at our hotel is handled by an outside company, namely, Central Parking System. Since arriving at this hotel (approximately three weeks ago), and assuming the position of General Manager, I have met with representatives from this company and stressed the need for safe and effective parking at all times.

I certainly agree with your comments that the valet parkers need to be especially careful within this area, considering the amount of pedestrian traffic they must negotiate. I have already addressed your letter with the representatives of Central Parking and expect immediate compliance to safer parking procedures.

We certainly appreciate the time that you took to address this particular problem, and I would be most grateful if you would contact me personally by telephone in the future if you do note any additional unsafe driving habits.

Michael R. Poynter
General Manager
Wyndham Bristol Hotel

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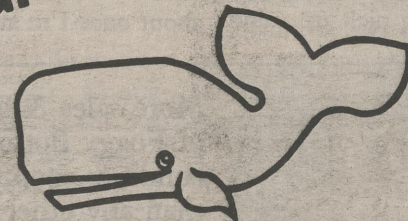
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As you know I use the playground but so do visitors, some neighbors (adult and young), as well as another school.

What the park needs most is steady mowing. Could you use your influence to make sure D.C. Recreation or some government agency keeps up the mowing of the park? Maybe a letter-writing campaign would help. Mowing is all I ask. I can help keep up the rest unless the equipment falls apart.

Cathy Miller
Natural Day Care, Inc.

If you can help, all Cathy at 338-6389.

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Nearby Summer Music Offerings Around

The National Park Service's Music Under the Stars Concerts are scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Sylvan Theatre. Dancing is permitted on the patio in front of the stage, and picnic dinners, blankets and/or lawn chairs are recommended. (No glass containers permitted.) Schedule as follows:

June 20: Bob Barrett Orchestra (Big Band)	Aug. 1: Bobby Felder Band (Electric Slide)
June 27: Deanna Bogart (Boogie and Jazz)	Aug. 8: Monte Wisbrock Orchestra (Big Band)
June 11: Buddy Mautino Orchestra (Big Band)	Aug. 15: Trux Baldwin Orchestra (features Karen Henderson)
July 18: Mahina and the Polynesians (South Pacific)	Aug. 22: Positive Vibrations (Jamaican Reggae Caribbean Night)
July 25: Tony Kelley Orchestra (Ellington & Basie)	

The Park Service is also holding Noon Concerts in the Parks, one of which is Washington Harbor at Wisconsin Avenue and K Street.

July 6: Eddie Van (jazz)	Aug. 3: Style (jazz)
July 20: Congressional Chorus (mixed)	Aug. 10: Lyles and Swingmaster (jazz)
July 27: Second Story (international jazz)	Aug. 24: Kevin Johnson (soft rock)

Concerts on the Canal

At the Foundry Mall in Georgetown, on the C&O Canal between 30th and Thomas Jefferson Streets NW (one block south of M Street), alternate Sundays at 1:30. Free. 866-6213.

July 8: The Smith Sisters and the Commodores	Aug. 19: Little Red & the Renegades and the Pontchartrain Causeway New Orleans Jazz Band
July 22: Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer and Positive Vibrations	Sept. 2: The Keyth Lee Singers and Cowboy Jazz
Aug. 5: Uptown and the Buck Hill Quartet	

Netherlands Carillon Concerts are being held each Saturday and federal holiday afternoon during July and August. Picnics are en-

couraged; the carillon is on the Virginia shore of the Potomac River, near the northern end of Arlington National Cemetery. The schedule follows:

June 30: Edward M. Nassor	Aug. 18: Frank Della Penna
July 4: Edward M. Nassor	Aug. 25: Robin Austin
July 7: Edward M. Nassor	Sept. 1: Donald R. Traser
July 14: Paul R. Emmons	Sept. 3: Edward M. Nassor
July 21: Christina Anderson	Sept. 8: Robert Rosenberger
July 28: Hans U. Hielscher	Sept. 15: David Breneman
Aug. 4: Robert B. Grogan	Sept. 22: Frank Griesinger
Aug. 11: Edward M. Nassor	Sept. 29: Edward M. Nassor

GWU Presents "Lisner at Noon" Summer 1990 Concerts

Following is the summer schedule for The George Washington University "Lisner at Noon" free concert series. Performances begin at 12:15 p.m. in the University's Lisner Auditorium, 21st and H Sts., N.W.

Wednesday, July 25: The National Arts Trio composed of pianist Tsvetan Konstantinov, violinist Hae-Soon Hahn and cellist Vsevolod Leshnev, performs classical music.

Wednesday, August 1: Donal Leace, American folk singer and guitarist, sings folk/pop/blues music.

Wednesday, August 8: Larry Snitzler, guitarist, performs Latin American music.

Wednesday, August 22: Raymond Jackson, pianist, performs music of black composers.

Wednesday, August 29: Nicole Narboni, pianist, will give a performance titled "Etudes (not Chopin)."

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Art League. This juried exhibition includes work of several area artists in a variety of media.

On June 25 & 26, the Arts Club's training programs continue, featuring "Preparation of Archaeological Assessments," a workshop conducted by Dr. Pamela Cressey, City Archaeologist, Alexandria. The

workshop will explain the steps followed in determining the potential archaeological significance of historic sites. Registration, \$30.

On June 27-29, another workshop, "Historic Building Research," will be conducted by James C. Massey and Shirley Maxwell, historic preservation

consultants. Participants will be introduced to the sources of information and appropriate presentation of that information in the form of a National Register nomination. Registration, \$30.

Call Carol Gould at 393-0038 for more information on the workshops.

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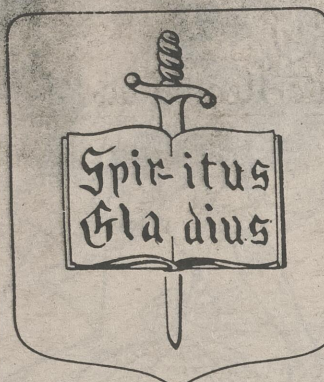
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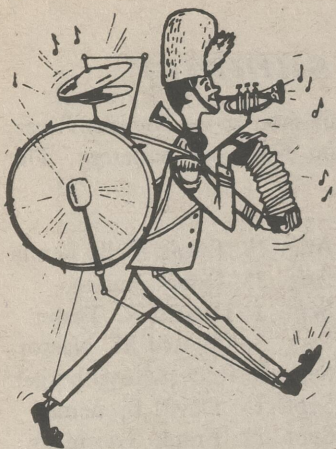
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WEEKDAYS: 6:45 am: Matins; 7 am: Mass (also 9:30 Tues. & Sat., noon Th/Holy Days, 6:15 Wed/Holy Days); 6 pm: Evensong; Sat 5-6 pm: Confessions.

A warm welcome to our Foggy Bottom neighbors!



Our Special Thanks

Part II

As the FBA brings this year to a close, special thanks are in order:

To FBA Board Members **Ruth Knauff, Larry Myslewski, Richard Price, Ed Schleifstein, Sandra Vonetes, and Henrietta Zoltrow**; to Vice President **Mary Brewster** for a fine array of speakers this year; Secretary **Anne Lomas**, for again taking on an FBA office and doing it well and cheerfully; Treasurer **Chris Lamb** who looked after our finances; and Membership Director **Grace Watson** for generating and tracking memberships and contributions again this year.

To too many people to name, who worked on committees, pitched in at the festival, contributed articles to the *FBNews*, and all who attended FBA meetings and who care about this precious neighborhood.

To regular *FBNews* contributors **Harold Lindstrom** for

wonderful articles on our past; **Larry Myslewski** for his crime column; **Chris Lamb** who covered ANC meetings, and **Susan Puffenbarger** for taking on various *News* assignments.

To Casillas Press' **Barbara Martin**, her cohorts John, Señor, et al., and her boss Fernando Casillas, to whom we are friends as well as customers, and display it each month by their continued support.

To the indefatigable **Betty Olsen**, ad manager, writer of columns, and all-around provider of most of the spark and sparkle in the *News*.

And especially to each and every advertiser who supported the *News* through the year; we definitely could have not done it without you.

Our thanks, too, to another group of people who made voluntary contributions this year. There were 143 people who added a great deal to supporting the activities of FBA during the last months.

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Did you Ever Wonder?

... If the city requires developers to repair the damage they do when they build? A case in point is 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue. For months water has been draining from that building site westward on L Street toward 25th. The southernmost lane of the street is a mass of holes, and the tree space has been muddy and messy for months. Will the city make them pay for repaving that street? Seems to me it should; the street has been badly damaged, and the developer might have easily attached a drainage hose rather than having the water constantly course down the street.

And I don't believe I have ever seen such a messy, littered building site. It looks like they have made absolutely no attempt to keep it clean. If I were Columbia Hospital, the office building next door, or those in the 1100 block of 24th, I'd be disturbed by the mess and be asking the builder to clean it up.

... If the stories of a bloated city bureaucracy are true? If a recent happening is an example, I guess we'd have to say it's true. A crew appeared one day

not too long ago to clear up a clogged catch basin at 26th & Eye Street. The mechanized equipment (2 vehicles) they brought would not work, and after some deliberation the crew assembled a plumber's snake gadget, long enough to reach from the manhole in the street to the catch basin opening at the curb. At the same time another man took the round catch basin cover off and poked around from the top. After this procedure they opened the nearby fire hydrant and let the water run down to check to see if it cleared. These procedures seem right and proper, but I was astounded by the fact that five, yes 5, persons were assigned to this task.

... Why parking lot attendants at outdoor parking lots are not required by their companies to pick up the litter on the lots, at least once in a while? It seems there must be good portions of the day when they would have time to "police up the area," thereby beautifying the city — and their workplace.

—Ellie Becker

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- Classes May 21 thru Sept. 10 and some classes starting Sept. 10 for Calligraphy. . . Ceramics. . . Weaving. . . Pottery. . . Chinese brush painting.

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- The Van Ness, 4200 Conn. Ave. N.W. Bldg. 47, has Water Classes. Also, a Stretch and Walk exercise, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Phone: 727-2778.

- On Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. there is the Guy Mason Retirees Club (on Wisconsin Avenue) where you can meet a friend, play bridge, dance, etc. etc. They suggest that you bring a lunch and they will supply tea or coffee. They also arrange short trips to Atlantic City and Colonial Williamsburg. Phone: 282-2180.

- Washington Lifelong Learning Center for adults is located at the Martin Luther King Library. Phone: 727-1335.

- There is a Co-op Community Outreach to Older Persons. Phone: 895-0234.

- Camp Happyland for men and women 50 years and over is in Richardsville, Va. (I understand it is simply beautiful!) It is a 3-day program full of activities for seniors. Phone: 783-9085.

- The Georgetown, 2512 Q St. N.W., will be glad to send

you a brochure for elegant, dignified and gracious retirement living. Phone: 338-6111.

- The Mayor's Golden Washingtonian Club known as the "Gold Mine" publishes a directory with discounts for seniors, not just in Foggy Bottom, but throughout D.C. . . in a big variety of stores. It is worth having. They will be glad to send you a book that you should keep for your information. Phone: 371-8181.

- Last but not least, Iona House is instrumental for some of the programs and you should put yourself on their mailing list. They have a great *NEWS-LETTER* that they publish with up-to-date services and activities. Phone: 895-0234. They will send you a copy.

—Henrietta Y. Zoltrow

Special Senior Program at St. Mary's Court

What is the St. Mary's Court Luncheon Program all about? It's about feeling good and being together; it's about family; it's about good food, friends, lively conversation and lots of hospitality. It's special — special because of the people who care, the feelings of togetherness and support, the sunny, bright atmosphere, and the hard work of all the people involved.

Each weekday at 12:30 a delicious lunch is served to area residents age 60 and over at St. Mary's Court, 725 24th St., N.W. If possible, diners make a contribution of one or two dollars for the meal. Served cafeteria style and cooked on location, the meals are

nutritious and the portions are generous.

Lillian Gordon, Program Manager, is the hostess. Not only does she introduce newcomers to the rest of the group and explain how the program operates, but she is a wonderful program planner. Programs are scheduled both before and after lunch. There are trips twice a month, bridge, speakers on a wide variety of topics from legal issues to health, to travel and much more. A recent economics class was very popular; the musical and special events, such as the fashion show, draw very large crowds (Lillian is a former entertainer herself).

Iona House Senior Services, through support from the D.C. Office on Aging, manages the luncheon program, but it would not be possible without the tremendous efforts of St. Mary's Court. The staff and Board of Directors of this senior apartment house are very supportive of the luncheon program. They work with Iona House staff to offer activities and bring needed social services to participants as well as providing in-kind and monetary support for the meals. The Luncheon Program is a true partnership to serve the older residents of this Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

If you are age 60 or above and would like to come by for lunch, for programs, to volunteer, or just to see what it's all about, please call Lillian Gordon at 659-5645. You are welcome any weekday.

Keep Informed During the Summer

This is the last issue of the *News* until late September. Among issues which will continue to be worked on during the summer is the proposed project in the 2500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, one of great importance to area. We urge you to keep informed about it and other matters by attending the July, August and September ANC meetings. See page 12 for the dates and locations, attend, and make your opinions known to your elected ANC representatives.

Iona House Offers Senior Services

Iona House Senior Services offer a friendly visiting program with volunteers to visit homebound older people on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Visits combine socialization with small helpful services when needed. The Iona House home care support program trains volunteers to help older people who are homebound, particularly after hospital or nursing home discharge. Assistance is temporary, pending arrangement of appropriate services. Volunteers also assist needy older people in getting to medical and other important appointments. With their luncheon program volunteers help serve lunch, plan and conduct recreation classes or discussion groups, or help the center manager with recordkeeping. A

resident advocacy program uses Iona House volunteers trained to monitor resident care in local nursing homes; volunteers teach craft or exercise classes, lead discussion groups or plan special activities at various locations. A daily telephone call at a pre-arranged time to check on the well-being of an older person living alone is also offered by the Iona House. Volunteers are instructed on procedures to follow if call is not answered. On the weekend meals are delivered — one hot and one cold meal — to homebound older people. And there are many more services that are needed and available for the asking from Iona House. Call Iona House Senior Services at 966-1055 for more information.

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Biz Buzz

by Betty Olsen

His Excellency, The Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary and Mrs. Peter Varkonyi and His Excellency The Ambassador of the Republic of Romania and Mrs. Virgil Constantinescu were present recently at the opening reception of the exhibition of "Contemporary Artists from Transylvania" at the IMF Visitors' Center on 19th Street, NW. The show is open through June 29th.

Jennifer Potter and Jason Helms attended this exhibition which features paintings, sculptures, graphics, textiles, and mixed media works by 14 artists participating in their first exhibition in Washington.

The group, who belong to Romania's Hungarian minority and call themselves a neo-avant-garde movement, was founded in the late 1980s in the city of Tirgu-Mures. Many of these artists now live in Hungary, Italy, Israel or the United States, but their works remain faithful to the place where they grew up, studied, and formed a group.

Have you seen the new section at Watergate Safeway with hot foods by the pound? Ribs, chicken, crab cakes, lasagna, broccoli with cheese toppings, corn on the cob, yummy yum; stop by for a lunch selection for yourself or dinners for two or more. Call some friends and have an early supper to catch up without any fuss or muss. **Tyrone Williams** is the manager at the Watergate Safeway. Call him by name when you market there — he is always

busily making it the place to stop.

Two GWU scientists received awards recently from the American Heart Association and its National Capital Affiliate. **Marie M. Cassidy, Ph.D.**, professor of physiology at GWU Medical Center, received the medical



At the Heart Ball: Dr. Lakshman, Ball Chairman Joanna Driggs and Dr. Cassidy.

science achievement award. Receiving the Heart Ball Research Award was **Raj Lakshman, Ph.D.**, research associate professor in the Department of Medicine of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in personnel management and industrial relations. He subsequently received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Utah in 1975 and an additional MBA in health services management from Golden Gate University in San Francisco in 1984.

Mr. Wiener is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Medical

Group Management Association. He has served as a representative to local hospital associations and a member on city and county boards and committees. Mr. Wiener has been involved in ambulatory care activities for the past eight years.

He is also the one that I spoke

to on the phone when we were discussing the display ad to remind you and me that their services are offered right around the corner. Talk about being qualified for a job!

Was in Sir Speedy again recently and spoke to **Oliver Thomas**, the employee there who jumped to help me so pleasantly one day even though he was on a break. I asked him if he had seen his mention in the *Foggy Bottom News*. He hadn't, but I just happened to have a copy with me so I showed it to him and again exclaimed that he had made my day that day, to which he answered, "Well, you've made my day today with yours." Seeeee, I told you he is a sweetheart. By the way, if anyone knows anyone in Port Arthur, Texas, where Thomas' mother lives, tell them to tell her she raised him right and thanks.

Was talking with **Claire Ciftci** recently on the sidewalk and our conversation turned to thoughts of our children. Her son, Kim, is manager of The Center in Alexandria, a health club which even has a swimming pool with a waterfall. Claire says, "You should see the great shape my son is in." She is a nurse and should know.

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Heard raves about the way **Louis of George II's** in the Potomac Plaza cuts hair. Nothing like a lighter look for summer and one that with a flip of your hand is ready to go after shampoo with or without a set.

Don't forget: beginning October 1 this year when calling a local number in the SAME area code Dial the 7-digit phone number **AS YOU DO NOW** but when calling a local number in ANOTHER area code dial the area code and the 7-digit number. Remember there is no change in how you dial long distance calls. Continue to dial as you do today when calling outside of your local calling area.

D.C. residents: register to vote! Call 727-2525 and ask for a voter registration form, change your address, or send a registration form to a friend. Hearing impaired persons with TDD: 639-8916.

"Pops" **Davis**, who made deliveries and did other chores at Foggy Bottom Apothecary, has retired from that post. Maybe "retired again" would be a better term. Pops, whose real name is **Spillman**, always had a smile and a bit of flattery to brighten your day. He has also had some surgery recently,

and we hope his recovery is now complete.

I guess it is no surprise that several FB exercisers were tops in **Marianne Smith's Jazzercise "100 Club"** this past year. But it's nice to report that three of the top four help with the *FBNews*: deliverers **Marie Madon** of Washington Park Towers and **Meredith Menkin** who lives on 25th Street, as well as Editor **Ellie Becker**.

Note to FB gardeners: a new garden shop has opened not too far away. The Morning Glory Farm store is now open on Lee Highway between Lyon Village and Cherrydale. Small, but with nice people and without the hassle of some of the others. They will carry fresh produce this summer as well.

Have you noticed the new look at Washington Circle? New sod was laid down to cover the dirt paths worn by commuters, and roping put up to discourage new paths from being established. The Park Service and all of us hope it will do the job. There are no funds to put up elaborate fences, nor to refigure the paths in the Circle to better reflect today's commuter patterns.

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Zoners Give O.K. to GWU Master Plan

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ANC 2A, the Foggy Bottom Association, Messrs. Levy, Draude and Brewster (who brought the court suit), or from Mr. William S. Diedrich or General and Mrs. Townsend Heard. Comments and discussion were sparse. Requests for staff advice were frequent.

The BZA decided it would amend its order approving the Master Plan to delete all references to proposed street closings, pedestrian bridges and height restriction relief. This had been proposed by GWU and supported by both the ANC and the FBA. The BZA did not, however, agree to prohibit GWU from raising these issues again in connection with in-

dividual applications, a prohibition which both the ANC, FBA and others had sought. It also declined to reinstate a restriction on GWU's commercial leasing which had been in its original order and was removed later in response to GWU's request.

The most colorful memorandum which the BZA had before it was that in behalf of General and Mrs. Townsend Heard, residents of H Street. Their memorandum echoes sentiments shared by Foggy Bottom residents. The memorandum read in part:

"b. General and Mrs. Heard respectfully submit that GWU's current application

must be considered in the context of GWU's past conduct and present circumstances including the following:

(1) For over 10 years, GWU has constantly harassed General and Mrs. Heard with legal proceedings and other measures to acquire or interfere with access to, and the use and enjoyment of their property, and it evidently continues to desire to curtail their continued residence and the tranquility of their occupation; this greedy plan of expansion, at the expense of GWU's neighbors, has gone on far too long, and the private citizens of Foggy Bot-

tom require protection from it, once and for all, in order to be secure in their homes; (2) GWU has the ownership of considerable property within which it can expand in Northern Virginia, as it is now doing, and it therefore does not need to harass its neighbors, further and continually, by expanding in Foggy Bottom; (3) General and Mrs. Heard are not aware of any other owners of comparably valued property in the Washington area, outside of Foggy Bottom, who are subject to constant ongoing zoning or other proceedings (conducted without respite or prospect of

termination) which are directed to end, restrict, or interfere with the use and enjoyment of their property — an experience all too common to the residents of Foggy Bottom as GWU seeks to extend its hegemony"

The BZA's lone notice of this submission was the unanswered query by one member as to whether the ANC had worked with General Heard to resolve his problems.

The BZA's oral findings will result in a written order at an unspecified date.

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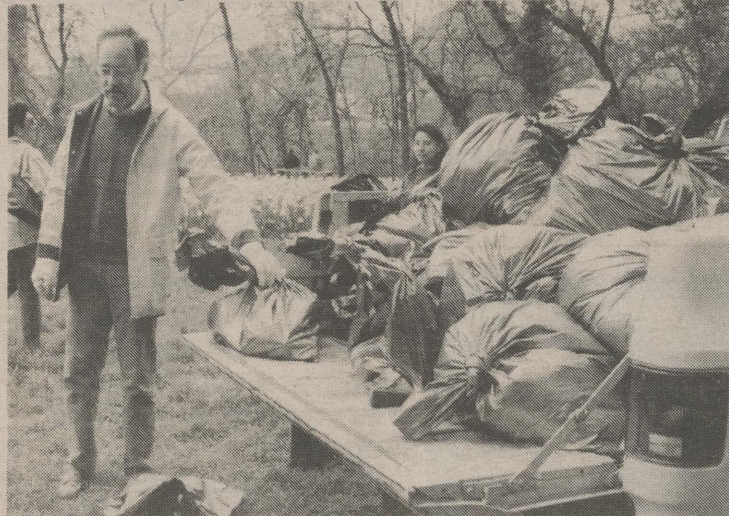
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CMA Digs Earth Day

On April 11, employees of the Chemical Manufacturers Association at 2501 M Street marked Earth Day with an ambitious beautification project in the



park area at 26th and M. With the permission and cooperation of the National Park Service, a new crabapple tree replaced a dead tree; the flower beds were weeded and edged; and four new benches were installed. In addition to the park itself, the bank of Rock Creek, from Pennsylvania Avenue almost to P Street, was cleared of trash, and bags and bags and bags were hauled away.

According to CMA's Tom Gilroy, they have "adopted"

the park and will do follow-up work from time to time.

The idea first came as a substitute for the Association's traditional celebration, one day

each year, of a collective employees' "Birthday." The obvious rhyme occurred to the party planners, and the idea took off.

The day was outlined in advance by a staff member, who seems to have a way with words:

"Here's how the day will unfold. At 1:00 o'clock sharp, we will all meet in Terrace A & B. There you'll be issued your official 'CMA Digs Earth Day' work gloves (not sold in any store). After words of en-

couragement and inspiration from Robert "Big Green" Roland, we will split into groups and tackle the jobs at hand.

"One group, headed by Elizabeth "Earth Mother" Gormley, will beautify the flower bed in the center of the park. Another team, led by Ray "The Rake" O'Bryan, will tidy up the green between M St. and Pennsylvania Avenue. Robert "If it ain't got roots, bag it" Flagg will lead a crack squad of garbage commandos — armed only with "pick sticks" — down the embankment to Rock Creek in search of debris. This assignment is for the few, the proud . . . Our fourth group, guided by Mike "Big Barrister" Walls, will dig holes and put in park benches. This is the glamour job, so reserve your



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